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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows.

Insert the attached Sequence Listing after the claims pages.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1-62, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--63. (new) A polynucleic acid which is chosen from the group consisting of:

(i) the nucleotide sequence having SEQ ID NO:51,

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